

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected a number of claims under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,415,101 issued to deCarmo that describes a method and system for scanning and displaying multiple view angles formatted in DVD content. deCarmo describes displaying multiple views in the form of a primary view and a number of secondary views that 1) do not respond to any navigational commands or audio or subpicture packets (at column 9, lines 21 - 23), and 2) are synchronized to a master clock that is, in turn, selected from any of the primary views (at column 9 line 24 and column 8 lines 52 - 53). Therefore, deCarmo is strictly limited to presenting various view angles without enhancing any of them.

In contrast, claim 21 as amended teaches enhancing a selected digital video frame by way of, for example, an image sharpening operation, contrast enhancement operation, etc. More specifically, claim 21 recites:

"A method of enhancing a selected digital video frame, or a portion thereof, included in a single layer digital video stream, comprising:
selecting from the single layer digital video stream, a particular one of the digital video frames for enhancement;
selecting from the single layer digital video stream, others of the digital video frames associated with the digital video frame to be enhanced; and
enhancing the selected digital video frame based upon information included in the other digital video frames and the particular digital video frame, wherein the enhancing is selected from a group comprising: a contrast enhancement operation, a luminance control operation, a color adjustment operation, a gamma correction operation, an image sharpening operation, a color saturation operation, and a zoom operation."

Accordingly, the Applicant believes that claim 21 is not anticipated by deCarmo and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the 35 U.S.C. 102 rejection thereof. Independent claims 28 and 35 recite essentially the same limitations, as does claim 21, albeit as computer program product and apparatus embodiments, respectively, and are also believed to be

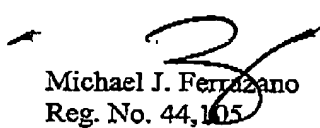
allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 21. All remaining dependent claims depend either directly or indirectly from claims 21, 28, and 35 and are also believed to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are allowable. Should the Examiner believe that a further telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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